

**Minutes of the Blanchard River
Watershed Partnership Steering Committee
December 8, 2011, Bluffton University, Bluffton, OH**

- T. Brugeman presiding, Bob Connour recording.
- Present: J. Loerke, T. Allen, B. Connour, L. Schroeder, R. Antibus, T. Brugeman, P. Martin, D. Kozlowski, J. McCleary, T. Elliot, D. Switzer, S. Lehman
- Everyone convened for dinner around 5:30pm and the meeting was called to order at 6:35 by T. Brugeman
- T. Brugeman welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.
- T. Brugeman talked to the group about all of our accomplishments of the past year and where we are going in the future. He also discussed that we will have a planning meeting in January.
- D. Kozlowski gave a short financial report. The BRWP is anticipating more income this year due to a \$5000 matching grant from Hancock County Commissioners. He stated we are financially comfortable for 2012. T. Allen motioned to accept the balanced budget for 2012, J. Loerke seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- D. Kozlowski also asked the board to think about possible corporate sponsors.
- P. Martin stated that we are looking at having to change the amount for which we are bonded.
- P. Martin also talked about a CMAG cycle 15 grant that we are using to pay for the coordinator's salary.
- P. Martin stated we have also applied for a CMAG cycle 16 grant.
- P. Martin stressed the importance of keeping track of our in kind hours, etc.... He also stated that Environmental Defense Fund will now be donating some of Denny Tressel and Dave Reeses's hours as in-kind.
- P. Martin also stated that we are waiting on a \$220,000 Ohio EPA 319 grant.
- P. Martin discussed the ODNR State Implementation Grant for \$ 126,000 that the BRWP applied for to cover the coordinator's salary for three years. If the BRWP receives this grant, the coordinator will become an employee of the BRWP.
- A handout was presented with projected activities for 2012. The group went through them all.
- Discussions were had as to whether the January planning meeting should be on the 14th or the 21st. It was decided that it will be the 21st.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.